GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1151
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PAYMENT OF WAGES UNDER NREGS THROUGH BANKS AND POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce smart or electronic cards and electronic transfer of money to beneficiaries to make the implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee (NREG) Scheme effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also proposing to tie-up with banks and post offices to pay wages to the beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Payment of wages under NREGA through workers accounts in post offices had been taken up with the Department of Posts. Department of Posts has requested all Heads of Circles to take prompt measures for operationalisation of the accounts of wage earners in the Post Offices. Ministry has issued instructions to State Governments for proper coordination with the Department of Posts. Department of Posts has advised their State Offices to cooperate with the State Government to enable early operationalisation of wage payment through NREGA workers accounts in post offices wherever possible and not to charge service charges.